

REMARKS

The above-identified application is a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

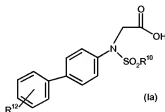
Claims 2 and 6-8 are pending (i.e., with amendments made to claims 6 and 8 by May 18, 2007 Examiner's Amendment) and deemed allowed as per May 18, 2007 USPTO Notice of Allowability in the above-identified application. Claims 3-5 are cancelled in the above-identified application.

Attached herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and corresponding U.S.P.T.O. 1449 Form.

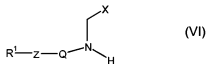
Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to correct for inadvertent errors and minor informalities, such as typographical errors.

In particular, applicants respectfully point out that claim 7 incorrectly defined that the sulphonate substituted nitrogen amide moiety of formula (Ia) was made by reacting a amide compound of formula (VI) with a "-COOH" or carboxylic moiety containing reagent, instead of a "SO₂R" or sulphonate moiety containing reagent as defined in the originally filed disclosure of the above-identified application.

Amended claim 7 now correctly recites that a compound of figure (Ia):



is synthesized by reacting a compound of formula (VI) in step (H)



or a protected derivative thereof . . .

"with a reagent suitable to introduce phenyl optionally substituted by R¹², wherein R¹² is as defined in claim 2 . . . (Support for this amendment is found in the specification specification at page 8, lines 9-12 and at page 2, line 28)"

Claim 8 was amended to delete an inadvertent parenthetical symbol ")".

No new matter has been added to the claims of the present application.

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Applicants request consideration and entry into the record of the following amendments and remarks.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and is earnestly solicited.

If any additional fees or charges are required authorization is hereby granted to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2570 accordingly.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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